





## Local News.

If I'm not to go to school,  
To be a teacher, how will I find  
To be far from the rules.  
Pruning will not make it better,  
Even if you do it twice,  
Kicking never makes you cool.  
Take what comes, and just enjoy it;  
Dance, sing, and have fun;  
It's the wisest thing to do.  
Try this place I've been thought to,  
It'll be the best place to be;  
May be I will try it, too.

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Wm. H. Orr returned Tuesday from a trip to Madison, S. D.

E. C. Threlkeld made a business trip to Wistakawin Monday.

A troupe of "Sioux City" minstrels half forth in town a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Reichanger, northwest of town, were blessed with a daughter on the 7th.

Geo. R. Ferguson left Monday for Artesia in S. D. He retains his home here and expects to return in a few weeks.

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Asen was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tixer on Friday, 10th.

The personal property lately belonging to D. E. Binkley will be sold at auction in town tomorrow afternoon. Cook Myer is the assignee of the mortgagee. See list of property in this issue.

Pastor V. Gruber, of the Evangelical Lutheran church, informs us that there will be no service the third Sunday in January, as urgent work at Olds demands his attendance at said place.

For several nights past skating has been very heavily patronized by the young folks. A first class rink has been laid out on the river, and is being kept in good condition by the Pike Brothers.

The services in the Methodist Church on Sunday morning will be of a special character. Miss Alice B. Christian will be rendered by the choir. The subject of Rev. H. E. Gordon's sermon will be "The Virgin Mary."

On Saturday evening next, Dec. 28, a special communion service will be held in the Presbyterian church after the regular service. Members, adherents, and all the friends of the Presbyterian church are specially invited to be present.

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The council of the local improvement district to the south of us has decided to open the road on the allowance west of the school section 29 southeast of town, the road intersecting the C. & E. trail near Joseph Stretch's place. This road will make a more direct route and accommodate a large settlement of people. F. E. Drummond, counselor from this division, deserves the credit of his constituents for the zealous manner in which he is striving to do the greatest amount of good to the people of his division.

Mrs. E. Pendleton left on Monday for a three months' visit to her old home in Iowa.

Dr. Membray was up from Innisfail Saturday to Monday on a visit to his father-in-law, James Christie.

George Hauey, late of Ponoka now of the C.P.R. force, Calgary was here last week looking after his land and other property interests.

Henry Sayers left Saturday for Nanaimo, Ont. Mr. Sayers has sold his home there and will make his home there for the present, though retaining his land here.

Mike Galbois left for Washington on Friday's train, where he intends spending the winter. The town is to have Mike's company in the spring if all goes well.

Claude White, late of Innisfail arrived on Friday to take a position as clerk in Fairley's store. Increasing business in this popular store rendered additional help necessary.

Sleighing is first class and all kinds of teaming whether driving or heavy hauling is done with both pleasure and ease. For good winter roads Alberta can not well be excelled.

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Two days from Christmas, and the news spread to the happy little hamlet to be found in our little streets and stores, and in the homes where the children eagerly count the days and hours in keen anticipation of the arrival of Santa Claus. A good motto for the Christmas is to make up our minds that some body is to be made happier by our efforts. In this community there is a distinct tone in this respect, the different homes are in view with each other in order to have a jolly time.

Christmas entertainments are being given by the different churches, and reports reach us that in almost all the district schools there are to be held. In town there is quite a list of events on hand.

**Dont +**

**+ Worry**

Let us Help You in Making a Selection OF XMAS GIFTS

**FITCH the JEWELER.**

